[English]

Height of Sardar Sarovar Project

1295. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is felt that the height of Sardar Sarover Project is required to be 110 metres in the interest of the dam and the State;

(b) if so, the extent by which it has been agreed to; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the final decision arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Height of Sardar Sarovar Dam has been determined by Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal under its Award.

Production of Battle Tank Arjun

1296. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the main battle tank (Arjun) being produced in the country is ready for introduction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Based on extensive User trials and performance evaluation, the Army has given clearance for production of indigenously designed and developed main battle tank (MBT) ARJUN. After its production, the MBT ARJUN will be inducted into the Army during the Ninth Plan period.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

1297. DR. BALIRAM :
SHRI D.P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said Vidyalayas are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). Proposals for opening Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh have been received by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. In respect of the proposals received from 15 districts named below, the condition prescribed have not been fully satisfied. These districts are :

1. Moradabad
2. Saharanpur
3. Philibhit
4. Kheri
5. Pauri Garhwal
6. Jalaun
7. Dehradun
8. Shahjahanpur
9. Banda
10. Maharajaganj
11. Lucknow
12. Kanpur Dehat
14. Pratapgarh
15. Sonbhadra

The proposal for the District of Rampur has been referred to the Site Inspection Team for inspection.

[English]

Malignant Malaria

1298. DR. RAMACHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attack of Malignant Malaria is on the rise throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the outspread of Malignant Malaria;

(c) the number of deaths due to the said disease during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the immediate steps Government propose to take to combat this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHEI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Malignant Malaria (P. Falciparum Malaria) has shown marginal increases during the last few years.

(b) The main reasons for spread of Malignant Malaria are :

- Natural calamities like excessive prolonged rains, water logging and ecological changes.
- Development of resistance in Vectors to insecticides and parasites to drugs commonly used for control of malana.

(c) A Statement showing the State-wise number of deaths due to malaria during the last three years is enclosed.